This Week's Developments

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Israel's war with Hamas resumes with airstrikes in Gaza after a weeklong truce ends

HAMAS ENDS CEASEFIRE

Associated Press, December 2, 2023

EVENT

Israel's war with Hamas erupted again Friday, as airstrikes hit houses and buildings in the Gaza Strip minutes after a weeklong truce expired. Health authorities in the besieged territory reported dozens of Palestinians killed and Israel dropped leaflets over Gaza City and southern parts of the enclave, urging civilians to flee to avoid the fighting. Militants in Gaza resumed firing rockets into Israel, and fighting broke out between Israel and Hezbollah militants operating along its northern border with Lebanon. Renewed hostilities also heighten concerns for about 140 hostages still held captive by Hamas and other militants, after more than 100 were freed during the truce. For families of remaining hostages, the truce's collapse was a blow to hopes their loved ones could be the next out after days of seeing others freed. The Israeli army said Friday it had confirmed the deaths of four more hostages, bringing the total known dead to 7.

COMMENT

The 7 day truce has ended and war has resumed. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, warned the United States on Thursday that "nothing will stop" Israel's army from "eradicating" Hamas. As he left a meeting in Jerusalem with Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, Mr Netanyahu vowed to continue the war until all hostages were freed and the Palestinian terror group was destroyed. "I told him we have sworn, and I have sworn, to eradicate Hamas. Nothing will stop us." So terrible were the events of October 7th that the whole of Israel supports the total destruction of Hamas. With Bible in hand we can see this happening. Psalm 83 which specifically mentions the Philistines (who in ancient times lived in the area of modern Gaza) who will be destroyed like Sisera. He was killed with a peg driven through his head into the earth....

BIBLE QUOTE

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee [Israel]: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them:Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, See Judges 4:21 (Psalm 83:5-9)

Hezbollah and Israeli troops exchange fire along the border

ABC, December 1, 2023



EVENT

Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group attacked several Israeli army posts along the two countries' border and Israel shelled a village in southern Lebanon on Friday, killing two Lebanese citizens, officials said. It was the first time Hezbollah launched attacks on Israeli troops along the Lebanon-Israel border since the start of a seven-day truce between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas, an ally of Hezbollah. That cease-fire collapsed on Friday, plunging the Israel-Hamas conflict back into open combat. Israel's military said it hit the sources of the fire directed at the military. The Iranbacked Hezbollah meanwhile, said it carried out four attacks on Israeli border posts. Israel and Hezbollah are bitter enemies that fought a monthlong war in the summer of 2006. Israel considers the Iran-backed Shiite militant group its most serious immediate threat, estimating that Hezbollah has around 150,000 rockets and missiles aimed at Israel.

COMMENT

Psalm 83 doesn't only detail the Hamas (Palestinian / Philistine) threat. The tribes listed also include all those that surrounded Israel in ancient times. One of them mentioned are the "inhabitants of Tyre." The area of Tyre in Lebanon is known as the stronghold of Hezbollah. Hezbollah want the total destruction of Israel and have over 150,000 rockets and missiles pointed at them. There is one nation mentioned in Psalm 83 as joining forces with the 9 tribes that encircle Israel. That nation is Assur – often translated Assyria. Assur corresponds to Syria and possibly into Iraq. Therefore we expect Syria to also be involved in the initial inner ring war. Isaiah 17 says Damascus is going to be completely destroyed in this war. Yesterday Israel carried out airstrikes on Damascus....

BIBLE QUOTE

The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. (Psalm 83:6-10)

A U.S.-Iranian Miscalculation Could Lead to a Larger War, Officials Say

New York Times, November 29, 2023



EVENT

Neither Washington nor Tehran wants the conflict in the Gaza Strip to trigger a wider war in the region, officials in both capitals say. However, national security officials fear a miscalculation amid tit-for-tat attacks, combined with each side's belief that the other does not want a larger fight, could trigger exactly that: a regional conflict, just two years after the United States ended 20 years of war in the Middle East and South Asia. "The problem with how people have been looking at this is that we've only been thinking about a short war" in Gaza, said Vali Nasr, an Iran expert and professor of international affairs and Middle East studies at Johns Hopkins University. But, he said, Iran and Hezbollah believe that once Israel is done with Hamas, it will turn its attention to them. "If the United States is not careful, Gaza is only the beginning of something much, much bigger," Nasr said.

COMMENT

At the moment there are daily skirmishes between Hezbollah in Lebanon and Israel but not the onslaught that some expect to happen at some point. The experts quoted in the report above say that one false move could easily bring a localised regional war into being. We don't know when other people / tribes / terrorist groups / nations will get involved but we know they will. The prophet (seer) Asaph who wrote Psalm 83 specifically mentions all of the people that surround Israel. Some say Psalm 83 could have been fulfilled in ancient times. Some say in recent times as in 1948 or 1967. However some believe it is still to be fulfilled. Psalm 83 cannot yet be fulfilled for 2 key reasons. Firstly Israel's surrounding enemies still exist. Psalm 83 says they will be totally destroyed. Secondly the Psalm concludes when men recognise Yahweh is God.

BIBLE QUOTE

Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH [Yahweh], art the most high over all the earth.

Pope Francis accuses Israel and Palestinians of terrorism

The Times, November 22, 2023



EVENT

The Pope said that the conflict in Gaza has gone beyond war and become terrorism after he met Israeli and Palestinian delegations visiting the Vatican. Speaking off the cuff at the end of his general audience on Wednesday, the Pope said: "This morning I received two delegations, one a delegation of Israelis who have relatives who are hostages in Gaza, and another made up of Palestinians who have relatives who are prisoners in Israel. "They are really suffering, I felt how both are suffering. This is what wars do, but here we have gone beyond war. This is not a war, this is terrorism. Please, let's go ahead and pray for peace. Pray a lot for peace." Since the attack by Hamas on October 7, which killed 1,200 Israelis, Israel has bombarded Gaza, razing buildings and killing more than 13,000 people.

COMMENT

The Pope has described Israel and Hamas as terrorists. But he is not right. Israel is NOT a terrorist government. They are trying to dismantle a terrorist organisation. Israel does not have written into its constitution the destruction of the Palestinians. Hamas does have in its charter the destruction of Israel. When you consider the hostages and prisoners - Israel longs for its children and wives to unite with their families. Hamas demands the release of murderers and terrorists. Israel goes to extraordinary lengths to minimise civilian deaths. Hamas does everything it can to maximise civilian deaths which they then use as a PR tactic. If Israel put down their weapons they would be annihilated. If Hamas put down its weapons the war would be over. The Hamas mastermind of the October 7th attacks was Yahya Sinwar who was released from an Israeli prison in 2011. He received a life saving brain tumour operation by the Israelis....

BIBLE QUOTE

This is God speaking....Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon [Hezbollah], and all the coasts of Palestine [Hamas]? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head; To read about the incredible circumstances around Israel and the Hamas leader CLICK HERE (Joel 3:4)

Russia open to peace talks in tragic Ukraine war, says Putin

The Times, November 22, 2023



EVENT

President Putin has referred to the war in Ukraine as a "tragedy" and said Russia was open to peace talks. But he gave no hint that Moscow was prepared to withdraw troops from occupied territories to end the conflict. Speaking to G20 leaders for the first time since he ordered last year's invasion, Putin noted during a virtual summit that some leaders had said they were shocked by Russia's actions in Ukraine. "Military actions are always a tragedy," Putin said. "And of course, we should think about how to stop this tragedy. By the way, Russia has never refused peace talks with Ukraine." He also referred to the conflict as a "war" rather than a "special military operation", which has been the Kremlin's preferred description. Along with Crimea, which the Kremlin annexed in 2014, Russia controls about 18 per cent of Ukraine. It says the territories are now part of Russia and has enshrined their status as federal subjects into its constitution. The Kremlin has said peace is only possible if Ukraine accepts that the land belongs to Russia.

COMMENT

This is the first time Putin has talked about being open to peace talks with Ukraine. The war has reached a stalemate with neither side able to gain any momentum to achieve a victory. Putin is holding on grimly to the Donbass region while Ukraine is only making small gains as they inch forwards at incredible cost of lives and military expenditure. The US and Germany are also in talks over an effort to persuade Ukraine to negotiate a peace deal with Russia broadly along the lines of the present battle front, according to a report. As we know Russia will one day invade Israel - it is highly probable that the Ukraine war will have reached some stalemated standoff by the time this happens.

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

(Ezekiel 38:3-4)

Russia has led world to brink of World War Three, says Zelensky

The Times, November 20, 2023



EVENT

Russia has led the world to the brink of World War Three, President Zelensky has said. The Ukrainian president accused Moscow of "lighting fires" around the world, exporting conflicts everywhere from the Balkans to the Middle East. In an interview with The Sun, Zelensky accused President Putin of supporting the murderous assault launched by Hamas against Israel on October 7 and said that the outbreak of war in the Middle East "doesn't help" Ukraine. He pointed to the strengthening ties between Russia and Iran — which has been supplying Moscow with kamikaze drones while simultaneously supporting Hamas — as evidence of the Kremlin's involvement in the conflict. Zelensky has previously warned that the war in Israel has complicated efforts to procure 155mm artillery shells and in his latest interview he asked Western countries to consider loaning weapons to Ukraine, insisting previous support was "not enough". "If the Western countries will not give us this support, this is their decision," Zelensky said. "Our military and financial [resources] will not be enough to stay and defend Ukraine.

COMMENT Putin has aligned himself to Hamas and Israel's sworn enemies. The era of Putin balancing on a precarious tightrope of pretending to be friends with Israel while supporting nations who want to destroy Israel is nearly over. Putin we know not only supports those who want to annihilate Israel (eg Iran, Syria) but he will one day decide to invade Israel itself. This will bring about what president Zelensky is warning - World War 3...God holds Gog (Putin) responsible for what happens to his people (Israel) during Armageddon.. Ezekiel 38 tells us how God's fury is poured out on Gog and his forces...

BIBLE QUOTE

'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: You are the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel. At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them. This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign Lord.

(Ezekiel 38:9) (Ezekiel 38:9)

Russian & China Discuss Undersea Crimea Tunnel

The Moscow Times, November 20, 2023



EVENT

Russian and Chinese business executives with government connections have secretly discussed building an underwater tunnel connecting Crimea to Russia, according to communications obtained by the Ukrainian security services and corroborated and reported by the Washington Post. The Russian-built bridge over the Kerch Strait is vulnerable to Ukrainian attacks, having been hit twice since Feb. 2022. As a result, Russia is looking for safer alternative transportation routes. The Washington Post reported that an October email from the state-owned Chinese Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) said they were "ready to ensure the construction of railway and road construction projects of any complexity in the Crimean region." The project is evidence of Russia's commitment to maintaining its hold on Crimea, which it annexed in 2014. It also opens China, which has not recognized Russia's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, up to political and financial risks including Western sanctions.

COMMENT

- The Russia-China connection continues with China becoming increasingly more involved in Russian purposes and objectives. Crimea is essential to Russian access to warm water shipping. For the same reason Russian control of the Dardanelles (Turkey) will become just as strategic. Russia has a military ravaged by war and a sparsely populated (23/sm) land mass rich with resources while China has probably the fastest growing military machine in the world, less land mass with much greater population density (323/sm). These two superpowers both have much to gain through a marriage of their respective political & military resources. If in China and Russia we are viewing the early and latter development of "Magog" it is interesting that in 1200-1300 AD the Mongols (from North-east China - the same location of the ancient settlements of Japheth) - invaded Ukraine & Crimea and planted the seeds that resulted in the birth and development of what we know today as the Russian Federation. Putin no doubt knows this history and is likely not adverse to honoring this ancient connection.

BIBLE QUOTE

The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, ...and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech...sons of Gomer; Togarmah... "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him ...Be prepared, and prepare yourself...After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword...you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land...against the land of unwalled villages...but...You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you.

Gen 10:2-3; Eze 38:2-11; 39:4

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

- DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) TV-7 Israel News Watchman Newscast
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